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"It seems most probable, owing to the entire lack of information on the point, that no regular system of trade or barter was in use among the Tasmanian tribes. During the latter part of their existence, however, when they had been brought into contact with Europeans, we have a few words showing that they bartered with the colonists; thus we read in Hobb's Evidence (p. 50), that 'the native men would sell a native woman for four or five carcases of seals.' And again, in Brodribb's Evidence (ibid. p. 52), we find it stated that, 'the men would offer to give up their wives for bread.' Backhouse (p. 170) tells us on one occasion when his party distributed among the aborigines some cotton handkerchiefs and some tobacco, they presented his friends with 'some spears and shell necklaces in return.' He also mentions the following incident (p. 58): 'One of them [the aborigines] exchanged a girl of about fourteen years of age, for a dog, with the people at the Pilot Station; but the girl, not liking her situation, was taken back, and the dog returned.'"